YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Resources Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on September 21, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin Vice Chairman David Moxley Commissioner Gilbert Hemric Commissioner Marion Welborn Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager, Lisa Hughes; Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry; and Finance Officer, Lindsey Cearlock.

INVOCATION given by Chairman Austin.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 7:02pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Board was given a revised copy of the Human Services/WIC Funding budget amendment that is under Consent on the Agenda. There was a typo in the WIC Nutrition Revenue New Budget column.

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adopt to adopt the Agenda with the noted change.

Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 7:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 21, 2020 Joint Session Minutes and the September 8, 2020 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Special Recognitions

Keith Vestal addressed the Board. The second group of Emergency Services staff is here to be recognized for their dedication to the service of others during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the staff here tonight is from B shift. A shift was recognized at the previous Board of Commissioners meeting and C shift will attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting. All of the staff has really gone above and beyond. They have to come to work and respond to calls and a lot of the patients they treat have COVID-19 or are suspected of having it. They have to wear additional PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and use more equipment than they usually would. After treating a patient they have to thoroughly disinfect themselves, the ambulance, and all of the equipment contained in the ambulance. This increases their daily workload tremendously. Keith Vestal commended the EMS staff for their hard work. A lot of people would run from COVID-19; they would call in sick or quit. The EMS staff hasn't done that. They have been here working hard through the duration of the pandemic. None of the staff has contracted COVID-19. They are doing an excellent job of decontaminating everything and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Keith Vestal is proud of all of his staff and appreciates their willingness to work in spite of the risks. He presented each of the staff members that were here with a service pin to wear on their uniform to signify their dedicated service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Austin said, on behalf of the Board, he really wanted to congratulate the EMS staff. They are doing a fantastic job. The work they are doing is very much appreciated and is not going unnoticed. He

thanked Keith Vestal for coming up with the idea of this recognition. He knows the EMS staff still has a lot of long, hard days ahead of them. He thanked them for everything they do. He couldn't be prouder of them.

Commissioner Zachary said that he is proud of all of the EMS staff and will continue to pray for their safety. He knows that Keith Vestal is very proud of them also. He asked them to keep up the good work.

Chairman Austin said please stay safe out there and thanked them again for their dedication.

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. There are some people the County would like to recognize for their dedication to the County Parks. One of those people is Phil Martin. Phil Martin has been very instrumental in helping make the Yadkin County Park what it is today. He started working for the County in 1984 and retired in 2005. Since his retirement he has continued to work for Parks & Recreation as a part-time employee. County Manager Hughes thanked him for his dedication. Jason Walker addressed the Board. He appreciates everything that Phil Martin does. He is a big help to Parks & Recreation. A new shelter is being constructed near the walking track at the Yadkin County Park. That shelter will be named in honor of Phil Martin. Phil Martin addressed the Board. He didn't expect this honor and it is overwhelming. It means more to him than he can express. He loves Yadkin County and he loves the Yadkin County Park. Some good things happened while he was a full-time Parks & Recreation employee but Jason Walker and Caleb Poplin have taken Parks & Recreation to a level that he never dreamed of. Chairman Austin said the County Park wouldn't be what it is without Phil Martin. When the Park opened a lot of people had doubts about it but Phil Martin helped make it a success. He thanked Phil Martin for everything he does for Parks & Recreation. Vice Chairman Moxley said Yadkin County hired one of the finest men there is when the County hired Phil Martin.

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. Another person being recognized tonight is Oz Prim. Jason Walker addressed the Board. Oz Prim is a big supporter of Parks & Recreation. He has done a lot for them over the last few years. Probably no one in the County uses the County Parks more than Oz Prim does. At least once a day he is at one or both of the County Parks. He has made a lot of contributions and he has coached a lot of children over the years. Jason Walker appreciates everything that he has done for them. One of Oz Prim's favorite things at the Yadkin County Park is the nature trail. That trail is going to be named the Oz Prim Nature Trail in honor of him. Oz Prim addressed the Board. He appreciates the Board and all that they have done for the County. He feels blessed to be part of Yadkin County. The Parks have changed his life. They made him a better dad and a better person. He spent a lot of time at the Park with his children. Chairman Austin thanked Oz Prim for the tremendous contributions he has made to the County Parks.

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The Yadkin Memorial Park wouldn't be what it is without the Ashley and Ladd families. Those families swapped land and sold land to the County so Yadkin Memorial Park and it's trails could be made into what they are today. A portion of the trails at Yadkin Memorial Park will be named the Ashley – Ladd Trail in honor of them. Jason Walker said that both families have been very supportive of Yadkin Memorial Park. Zack Ladd, Ted Ashley, and Doc Ashley were recognized on behalf of their families. Chairman Austin said Yadkin Memorial Park wouldn't have been much without the help of these two families.

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. George Sappenfield helped the County design and construct the new disc golf course that is located at Yadkin Memorial Park. The course is going to be named the George Sappenfield Disc Golf Course in honor of him. Caleb Poplin addressed the Board. George Sappenfield designed a great disc golf course that a lot of people will really enjoy. George Sappenfield addressed the Board. He said it is an honor to be here and it is especially an honor to have the disc golf course named after him. It was 55 years ago that he came up with the idea of playing Frisbee golf using Frisbees and Hula Hoops. He spoke about how that evolved into the disc golf of today. There are over 10,000 disc golf courses world-wide. Every continent has at least one course. He thanked Caleb Poplin and Jason Walker for asking him to design the disc golf course. He has worked with a lot of Parks & Recreation Departments over the years and by far working with them has been the most pleasurable experience that he has had. Caleb Poplin couldn't have been any better to work with. Caleb Poplin plays disc golf and he has a passion for doing it the right way. The disc golf course at the Yadkin County Park is more of a professional course. The course at Yadkin Memorial Park is more of a beginners/amateur course. The holes aren't as long and it is meant to be a fun course.

Chairman Austin announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new East Memorial Park entrance off of Ireland Road on Thursday, September 24th at 1:00pm. He would love to have everyone here tonight attend the ribbon cutting. The County is extremely proud of Yadkin Memorial Park. It gets a lot of visitors from all over the southeast. The Park wouldn't be the success that it is without the hard work of Parks & Recreation and the support that they have received from those here tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the revised Human Services/WIC Funding budget amendment. Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items with the noted change. Commissioner Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

The Consent Agenda items that were approved by the Board are as follows:

Human Services/WIC Funding Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current	Increase/	New
		Budget	(Decrease)	Budget
WIC Client Services	1045167-44208	137,289	5,412	142,701
WIC Client Services Supplies/Materials	1055167-52010	3,098	5,412	8,510
WIC Client Services Revenue	1045167-44208	142,701	(647)	142,054
WIC Nutrition Revenue	1045166-44207	38,715	647	39,362

Additional WIC Client Services funding came in from the State. Also, an adjustment needed to be made to increase the WIC Nutrition Revenue that came from the State.

Tax Adjustments & Refunds for August 2020

The Tax Office submitted the tax adjustments and refunds for the month of August 2020. The Board reviewed the information and approved the presented adjustments and refunds as requested.

Carolina Recording Systems Contract

Carolina Recording Systems will provide audio recording software and services for the calls and radio traffic that is coming in and going out of the 911 Communications Center. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Southern Software Contracts

Southern Software will provide the Sheriff's Office, Jail, and Communications/911 with software support that is vital to their operations. The software they support is as follows: RMS (Records Management), HRMS (Human Resource Management), JMS (JAIL-PAK), CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch), MDIS (Mobile Data Information System); and MAPS (Mapping Software). The Board approved the Southern Software renewal contract for RMS, HRMS, MDIS, JMS, CAD, and MAPS and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Southern Health Partners Contract

Southern Health Partners will provide healthcare services for the inmates in the County's Detention Center. The Board approved the contract renewal and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

New Horizons Contract

Yadkin County will receive \$278,120.00 in Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council assists the County with the administration of the funds and the County contracts with YVEDDI and New Horizons to perform the services the funding provides. New Horizons will receive \$87,659.00 of the HCCBG funds to provide in-home aide services. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

YVEDDI Contract

Yadkin County will receive \$278,120.00 in Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council assists the County with the administration of the funds and the County contracts with YVEDDI and New Horizons to perform the services the funding provides. YVEDDI will receive \$190,461.00 of the HCCBG funds to provide transportation services, home-delivered and congregate meal services, and for the operation of the Senior Centers. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

William Brown Construction Contract

A Republic Services truck damaged some metal beams over the entrance of the Transfer Station building at the Solid Waste Facility. William Brown Construction will repair the damage. Republic Services will pay the cost of the repair. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Pacific Tier Solutions Contract

Pacific Tier Solutions will provide BookKing software for Parks & Recreation. The software will be used for point of sale transactions and to schedule facility rentals. People will be able to check availability and rent facilities online or by speaking with someone in Parks & Recreation. The software has the capability of accepting online payments. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

SanPro Medical Waste Disposal Contract

SanPro Medical Waste Disposal will provide monthly biohazard waste disposal/pickup services for EMS. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings or actions to set Public Hearings.

BOARD ACTION

5-D Phase 2 Project Ordinance Amendment #2 for Yadkin Memorial Park

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The 5-D Reservoir Recreation Area Phase 2 Project Ordinance Amendment #2 is needed to move funding around within the Project Ordinance. The W. C. Construction contract came in \$50,500.00 under budget. Those funds need to be redistributed to the Disc Golf Course, the Campground, and Contingency to help pay for other expenses, such as the electronic gates at the entrances of Yadkin Memorial Park. Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adopt the 5-D Phase 2 Project Ordinance Amendment #2 as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second. Vote: 5/0.

Legislative Goals

Vote: 5/0.

The Board reviewed the proposed Yadkin County Legislative Goals at the previous Board of Commissioners Meeting. The Board asked that some changes be made to the Legislative Goal that pertained to Local Health Department's Accreditation and Re-accreditation. County Manager Hughes has made the changes and split that Goal into three separate Goals. County Manager Hughes went over the six proposed Legislative Goals. The first Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation that provides full State funding for at least one fulltime communicable disease nurse position. The second Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation that will allow the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund to be used for renovations and improvements in addition to new construction. The third Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation allowing public bodies to provide meeting notices by electronic means rather than requiring notice through a newspaper with general circulation within the county. The fourth Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation that aligns North Carolina General Statutes with Administrative Code to set Local Health Department Re-accreditation to every five (5) years. The Administrative Code has re-accreditation being done every four years but there is nothing in the General Statutes that says how often re-accreditation should occur. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, re-accreditation has been temporarily extended for an additional year. Re-accreditation takes up a lot of staff time so it would be beneficial for counties to continue to have it done every five years instead of going back to every four years. The fifth Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation that limits site visits to one (1) day for Local Health Department Accreditation and Re-accreditation. The Local Health Departments complete the benchmarks and submit their self-assessments on the Accreditation Dashboard before the committee conducts the site visit so the committee should be able to complete the site visit in one day. The sixth Legislative Goal pertains to seeking legislation that requires the Accreditation and Reaccreditation of Local Health Departments to be a contracted service between the NC Institute of Public Health and the Counties. The contract is currently between the NC Institute of Public Health and the NC Association of Local Health Directors and there is nothing in it that obligates the counties to pay for the service that the NC Association of Local Health Directors bills the counties for annually. Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the six Legislative Goals as presented and authorize their submittal to the NCACC. Commissioner Welborn second.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) September 24, 2020 Yadkin Memorial Park Phase 2 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1:00pm.
- 2) October 22, 2020 The Joint Meeting with the Human Services Advisory Committee and Annual Board of Health Training will be held at 6:00pm. The location of the meeting hasn't been determined yet.
- 3) November 11, 2020 The County Offices will be closed for Veteran's Day.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

County Manager Hughes did not have anything to report tonight.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED Bridgeway Solutions Contract

Bridgeway Solutions will provide the software that EMS uses for their ID badges.

Surry Chemicals Contract

Surry Chemicals will provide Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) for the ambulances that EMS operates.

Brad Goodman Solutions Contract

Brad Goodman Solutions will provide employee scheduler software to Parks & Recreation.

McNeely Pest Control Contract

Bats are getting into the County owned building located at 102 E. Elm Street, Yadkinville, NC. McNeely Pest Control will inspect the building and provide bat eviction and exclusion services.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Joint Nursing Home Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

There are three vacancies on the Joint Nursing Home Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Historic Richmond Hill Law School Commission

There is a vacancy on the Historic Richmond Hill Law School Commission. Wayne Matthews served on the Commission.

Yadkin County Public Library Board

There is a vacancy on the Yadkin County Public Library Board. Wayne Matthews served on the Board.

Surry County Housing Consortium

There is a vacancy on the Surry County Housing Consortium. Wayne Matthews served on the Consortium,

Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority

The Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority requested that Ashley Beard, of Cooperative Extension, be appointed to fill the remainder of Dr. Wayne Matthews' term. Ashley Beard is the Family and Consumer Science Agent. She has worked really hard on the NC Farms App. Commissioner Hemric made a motion to appoint Ashley Beard to serve the remainder of Dr. Wayne Matthews' term on the Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority; the term expires February 28, 2023. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

<u>Commissioner Hemric</u> thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He thanked the EMS staff for all they have done. He thanked Keith Vestal for his work. He thanked all of the citizens who have supported both of the County Parks. A lot of work has gone into the Parks and they are really nice. He appreciates everything the citizens have done to assist Parks & Recreation. He thanked Bud Matthews for being here tonight.

Commissioner Welborn thanked everybody for being here. It is amazing that none of the EMS staff has gotten COVID-19. They are doing a great job of protecting themselves. Hopefully all of the decontamination processes they go through will prevent the virus from going home with them and infecting their families. Jason Walker, his staff, and the citizens that were recognized tonight have done a fantastic job with the County Parks. The Yadkin County Park has become a much better park since Jason Walker took it over. He thanked Bud Matthews for being here tonight.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everyone for being here. The meeting has been good; it has been a lot of fun. It is always nice to recognize staff and citizens for the things they do for the County. We have so many people to be thankful for in Yadkin County. He thinks it is great that Keith Vestal and Chris Bolden are recognizing the EMS staff for their dedication. He is looking forward to recognizing C shift. He is praying for the EMS staffs continued safety. They are a great bunch of people. It was good to see Phil Martin here. He appreciates everything that Phil Martin does for Parks & Recreation. Oz Prim has taken a great personal interest in the County's recreation programs and has supported them greatly. It was nice to see Zack Ladd, Ted Ashley, Doc Ashley, and George Sappenfield here. He thanked Bud Matthews for being here tonight.

<u>Vice Chairman Moxley</u> thanked everyone for coming. He appreciates all the work the EMS staff does. He congratulated them on their service award. He is really proud that none of them have gotten COVID-19. He hopes they continue to remain safe. Yadkin County has the finest EMS staff in the State and the nation. He thanked Jason Walker and Caleb Poplin for all of their work with Parks & Recreation. He thanked Oz Prim for all his contributions to the Parks. Oz Prim is always helping out at one or both of the Parks and Vice Chairman Moxley appreciates that. He thanked Zack Ladd, Ted Ashley, and Doc Ashley for their families willingness to work with the County to get land that was needed for Yadkin Memorial Park. He thanked George Sappenfield for his help with the disc golf course at Yadkin Memorial Park. He has heard that the Yadkin County Park disc golf course is one of the better courses in this area of the Country. People come from all over to play that course. Hopefully people will want to come and play both courses now. He thanked Bud Matthews for being here tonight.

<u>Chairman Austin</u> congratulated the EMS staff on their service award. They do a great job and they are probably the smartest people in the County when it comes to knowing how to stay safe from COVID-19. He prays that they continue to be safe and that they remain healthy. He appreciates all the work they do. He is looking forward to recognizing the next group of EMS staff. The County Parks wouldn't be what they are without the people who are here tonight. He couldn't be more proud of the Parks & Recreation Department. He also couldn't be more proud of the citizens who were recognized tonight. They have contributed so much to the County and to Parks & Recreation over the years. He thanked Bud Matthews for being here tonight.

Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney and Pursuant to NCGS 131E-97.3 to discuss Confidential Competitive Health Care Information. Commissioner Welborn second.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session**, the Board considered a property acquisition. Commissioner Zachary asked to be recused from the vote because there is a potential transaction that could be associated with this action that might involve him. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to recuse Commissioner Zachary from the vote on this agenda item. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to authorize the County Manager to enter into a purchase contract for the Jackson Street parking lot under the negotiated terms and to authorize the County Manager to do all of the necessary functions needed to execute the contract. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 4/0. (Commissioner Zachary did not vote.)

The Board reviewed the following Budget Amendment that is needed for the funding to purchase the property and resurface it:

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Line Item	Account	Current	Increase/	New
		Budget	(Decrease)	Budget
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	2,110,936	87,282	2,198,218
Property Acquisition	1059000-51540	0	87,282	87,282

Commissioner Zachary asked to be recused from the vote because there is a potential transaction that could be associated with this action that might involve him. Commissioner Welborn made a motion to recuse Commissioner Zachary from the vote on this agenda item. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 4/0. (Commissioner Zachary did not vote.)

The Board reviewed the following Budget Amendment that is needed to purchase a used vehicle for Human Services:

Line Item	Account	Current	Increase/	New
		Budget	(Decrease)	Budget
Contingency	1059000-58500	44,192	(8,500)	35,692
Health Administration - Vehicle	1055110-56100	0	8,500	8,500

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

Vice Chairman Moxley made a made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

Prepared by Tanya Gentry

Clerk to the Board

Kevin Austin, Chairman

Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

 $\frac{10/5/2020}{\text{Date approved by the}}$

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